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KAT	SUHITO YOSHIO ET AL.)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the foreign documents are enclosed.

For the relevance of the documents that are not in English, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts; in addition, the cited U.S. patent is believed to be a combined counterpart of the three Japanese documents.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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